REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 5 is amended, and claims 1-4, 7 and 10 are canceled.

Accordingly, claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are pending in this application. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5, 6, 8 and 9. By this Amendment, claim 5 is written in independent form. Therefore, claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 should be allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 7 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,075,650 to Morris et al. Claims 1-4, 7 and 10 are canceled by this Amendment. Therefore, this rejection is moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 5, 6, 8 and 9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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